**Universal Periodic Review, 44th session
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**UPR of Bangladesh, November 13 2023
Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the distinguished delegation of Bangladesh.

We share the values of democracy, free speech, pluralism, and tolerance. At this important juncture in your democracy, we encourage Bangladesh to strive toward those ideals in consultation with civil society.

As many UN organisations, Denmark regrets the lack of implementation on recommendations from previous cycles accepted by Bangladesh. This challenges the credibility of the UPR process.

Denmark recommends that Bangladesh:

1. Develops a time-bound action plan to ensure the full implementation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Accord.
2. Review and adjust its legislation, notably the Cyber Security Act to bring it in line with the right to freedom of expression as set out in ICCPR*.*
3. Ratifies the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Denmark wishes Bangladesh a successful review.

Thank you.